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Title: **FLEXIBLE IMAGING MEMBER BELT SEAM  
SMOOTHING METHOD**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please cancel claims 1-9 and add the following new claims: